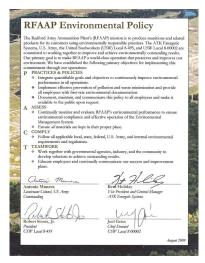




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## **New Environmental Policy Signed**

On August 26, the revised plant-wide Environmental Policy was approved and signed by **Kent Holiday** (ATK Vice President and General Manager), **LTC Antonio Munera** (RFAAP Commander), **Robert Stoots** (President of United Steel Workers Local 8-495), and **Joel Geiss** (Chief Steward of United Steel Workers Local 9-00002).



The policy outlines RFAAP's commitment to being environmentally responsible. Highlights of the policy are as follows:

- compliance with laws and regulations
- prevention of pollution
- continual improvement of our environmental program



Pictured, left to right, are Robert Stoots, LTC Munera, Kent Holiday, and Joel Geiss.

Please remember to remove any old versions of the Environmental Policy posted in your area and replace it with the new poster, dated August 2009. Copies of the new policy can be found in Duplicating (Building 220), on the plant computer system at K:\Environmental\Env Policy\RFAAP Environmental Policy.pdf, or on the plant's intranet.

# **Powerhouse Employees Recognized**



Receiving recognition were Powerhouse employees Don Clark and Vince Meehan. Not pictured is Danny Holly.

On July 7, 2009, approximately 100 gallons of brine solution overflowed from the storage tank located south of the Powerhouse. The flow entered a nearby culvert, but did not reach the storm drain. However, the brine solution flowed back into the tank from the line feeding the process when the feed pump shut off. It was determined that the check valve in the brine feed line failed, allowing the solution to flow back into the tank. To prevent this from happening again, a backflow preventer was installed. Because of their outstanding response to the recent brinetank overflow, the Environmental Department recently recognized Don Clark, Vince Meehan, and Danny Holly.

**Be Prepared**—The Joint Munitions Command ISO 14001, Environmental Management System conformance audit will be held at RFAAP September 28 through October 2. It is a fence-to-fence audit and all areas / departments may be audited.

### Float Trip Passes through RFAAP

The National Committee for the New River (NCNR) recently held its second expedition down the 320-mile New River. The expedition began July 20 in Watauga County, N.C., and concluded on August 14 near the New River's confluence near Fayetteville, WVA.

Believed by some to be the oldest river in North America and the second oldest in the world (the Nile is believed to be the oldest), geologists estimate the New River's age at approximately 300 million years. The river begins as two streams on the western side of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Watauga County, NC, at an elevation of 4,850 feet. The North and South Forks converge in Ashe County as the New River proper then flows north into Virginia and loops back to tag North Carolina before continuing north into Virginia and West Virginia, where it descends to 680 feet. The river is 337 miles long with 8,970 miles of tributaries draining a 6,920 square mile basin.



Pictured are members of the NCNR, along with LTC Andy Munera, Rob Davie (ACO), and Phil Lockard (Environmental).

In 1998, the New River was designated an American Heritage
River, one of only fourteen in the United States. The designation brings with it federally funded but community-driven initiatives for protecting the river and for guiding sustainable growth in the watershed.

NCNR members, along with supporters, local residents, other New River enthusiasts, and RFAAP representatives traveled together for the Route 114 to Whitethorne leg of the New River Expedition on August 6.

## Renewing the New

RFAAP employees joined residents from throughout the New River Valley on Saturday, August 29 in the fourth annual *Fall into the New*, New River Clean Up Day. This year's event was held at Eggleston Park in Giles County and was a huge success netting at several hundred tires, as well as a lot of other garbage.



picked up tires and other trash during Fall into the New.



RFAAP employees participating in Fall into the New included LTC Andy Munera, Jeremy Flint (Environmental), Matt Alberts (Environmental), Charles Saks (Safety), Phil Lockard (Environmental), and Ron Rossi (ACO).

**Environmental Department Contacts:** The Environmental on Call Cell Phone (24 hours a day) number is 230-8970. For environmental questions, contact the following environmental department personnel:

Matt Alberts (8722) Kaye Bland (8504) Marilyn Fields (7520)

Jeremy Flint (7668) Anne Greene (7340) Matt Habersack (7427) Nichole Herschler (8766) Paige Holt (8658) Phil Lockard (8344) Lou Martin (7514) Greg Twait (8716) Shelley Tarbutton/ Patsy Hosner (7435)

**Environmental Questions?** Check out the Ask Kent section on the ATK/RFAAP intranet.

**Eyes on the Environment** is an employee newsletter aimed at communicating employee issues and raising awareness of environmental issues and requirements. The newsletter presents basic topics that are critical to protection of our environment, our public health and safety, and the success of our business.

### And the winner is...

The Environmental Department randomly selected **John Rye (Burning Ground)** correct entry as the winner in the last puzzle contest. The Environmental Department presented **John** with a **\$30 Wal Mart gift card**. Thanks to everyone who entered!

#### **Environmental Crossword Puzzle**

Solve the environmental crossword puzzle and enter it in an Environmental Department drawing. One winner will be randomly selected from all correct entries to receive a **\$30 Wal Mart gift** card from the Environmental Department. The puzzle contest is open to all those who work at RFAAP. **Photo copies will not be accepted. Limit one entry per person.** 



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- **8** The blank River begins as two streams on the western side of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Send this page to **Jeremy Flint, Environmental Department, Building 220**. Entries must be received by September 29, 2009. The winner will be announced in the next *Eyes on the Environment*.

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